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Ann

Ann lives in a smallMichigan town



- She wants to own her own business
- How does she know ...



Ann's Questions

- What business to go into?
- How much money she'll need?
- How to approach the bank?
- What's a business plan?
- How does she incorporate?



John



- Has just been diagnosed with diabetes
- He needs to know ...



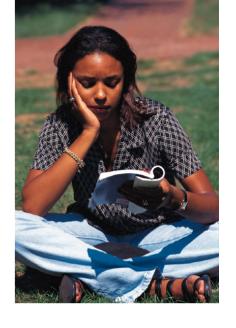
John's questions...

- What doctors specialize in diabetes care in his area?
- How can he evaluate health information he finds on the Internet?
- How can he learn more about diabetes care?



Claire

- College Student
- She's writing papers for her undergraduate degree
- How can she find out ...





Claire's Questions

- What is a reliable source on the Internet?
- Can she get the article right away?
- Can she borrow books from other libraries?





Scott

• Scott has to write a report on wolverines (and it's 8 p.m. and it's due tomorrow!)



Where To Look?

- What's the first place people look for information?
- What's wrong with that?



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- The Library of Michigan saves Michigan's libraries, schools, universities and colleges over \$193 million each year



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- In 2005, residents performed over 16 million searches and downloaded 5.7 million documents
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 Over \$8 Billion worth of information



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- Over 23 million items are available in MeLCat
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Ann



• Using MeL business databases Ann learned that coffee shops were a booming business and one she could afford to get into. Thanks to MeL Best of the Web she developed a business plan that the bank approved and got her loan.

John

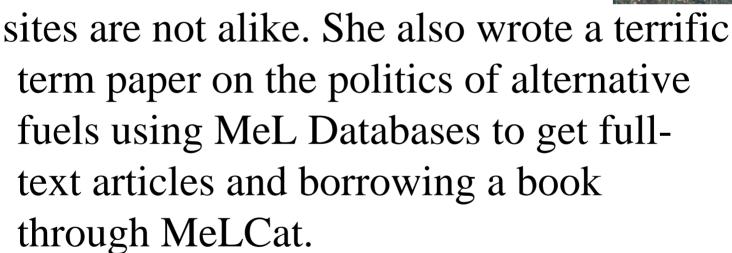
 Using MeL Best of the Web, John learned about evaluating information on health Web sites to research his illness and found a doctor in his area who specializes in diabetes care.
 Using MeLCat, he ordered a cookbook for people with diabetes.





Claire

Learned that all Internet







Scott



• Scott's parents were able to login to MeL Databases using a driver's license from home. Scott finished his paper and turned it in on time.



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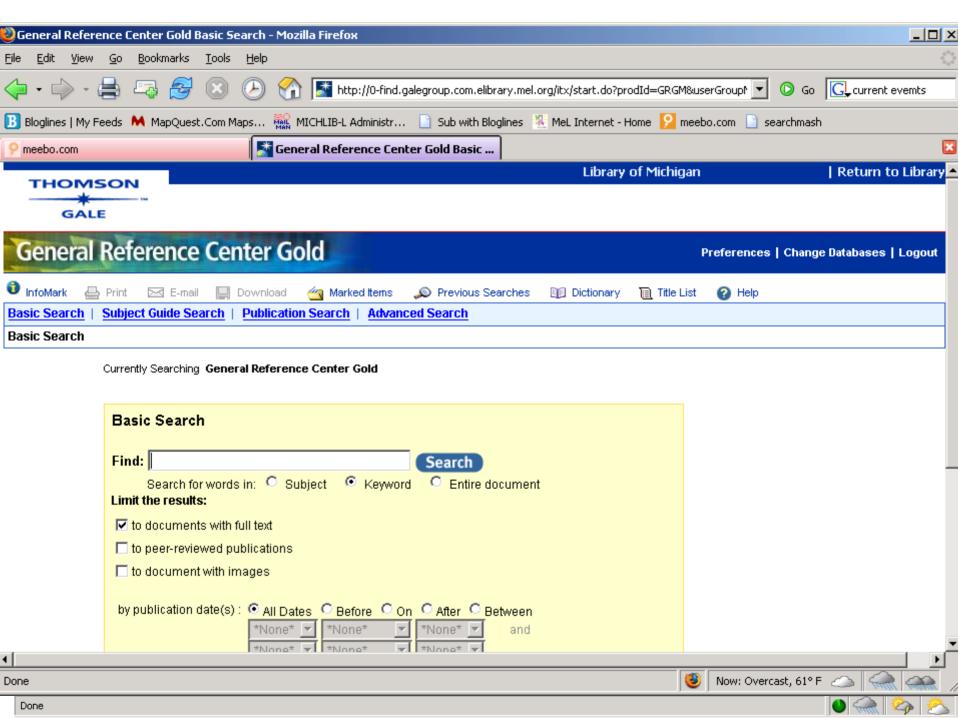
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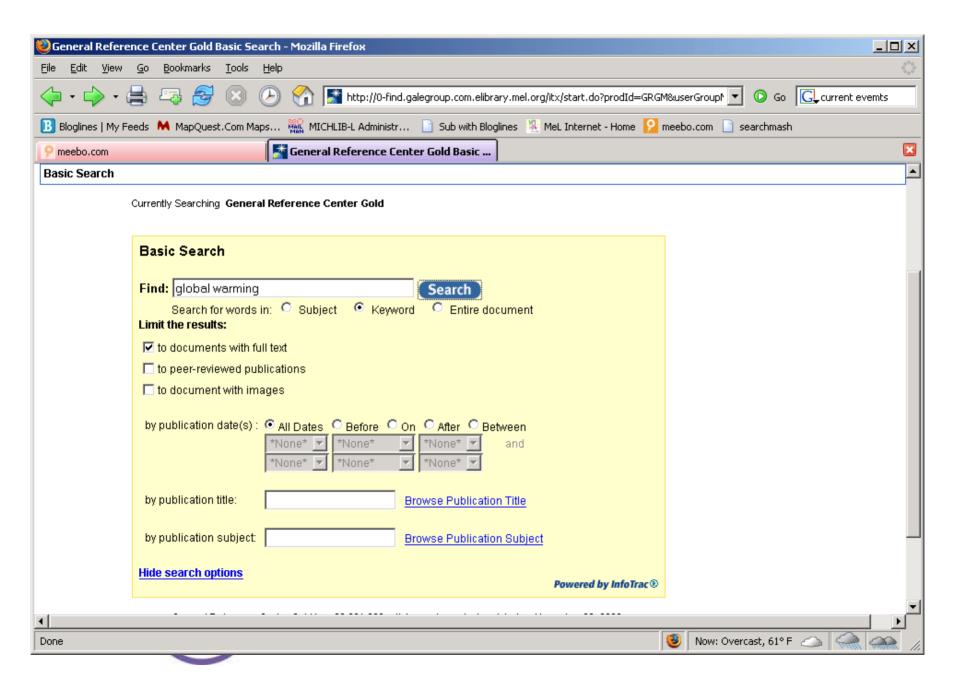
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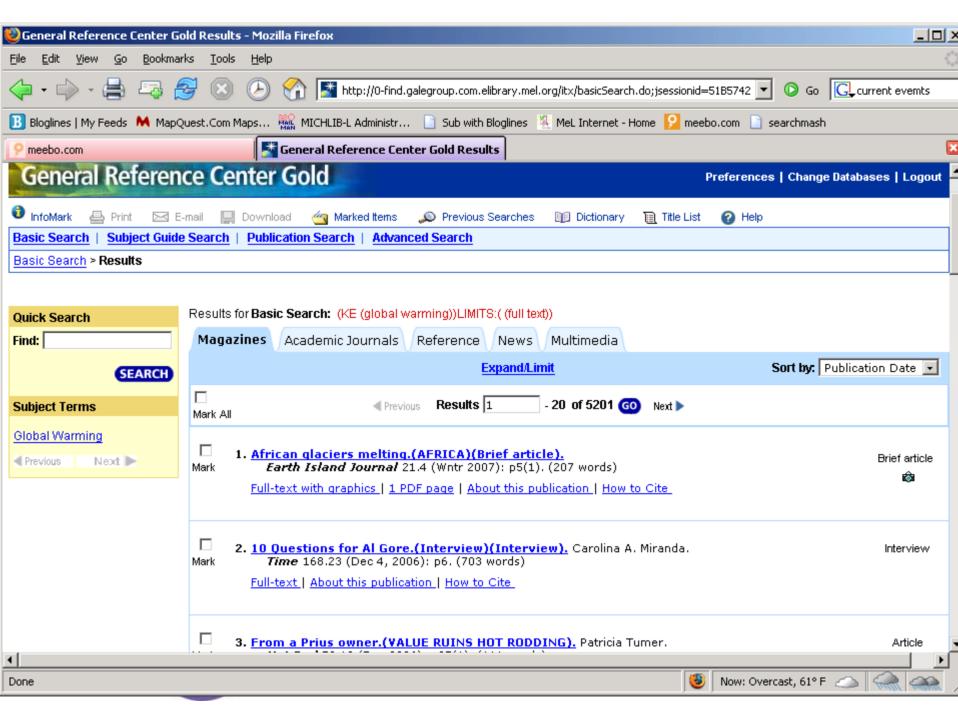
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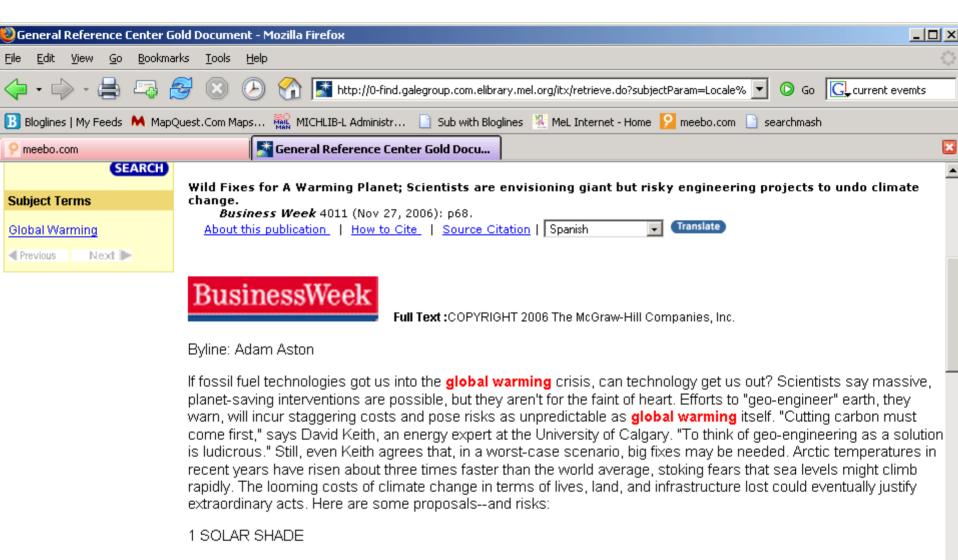
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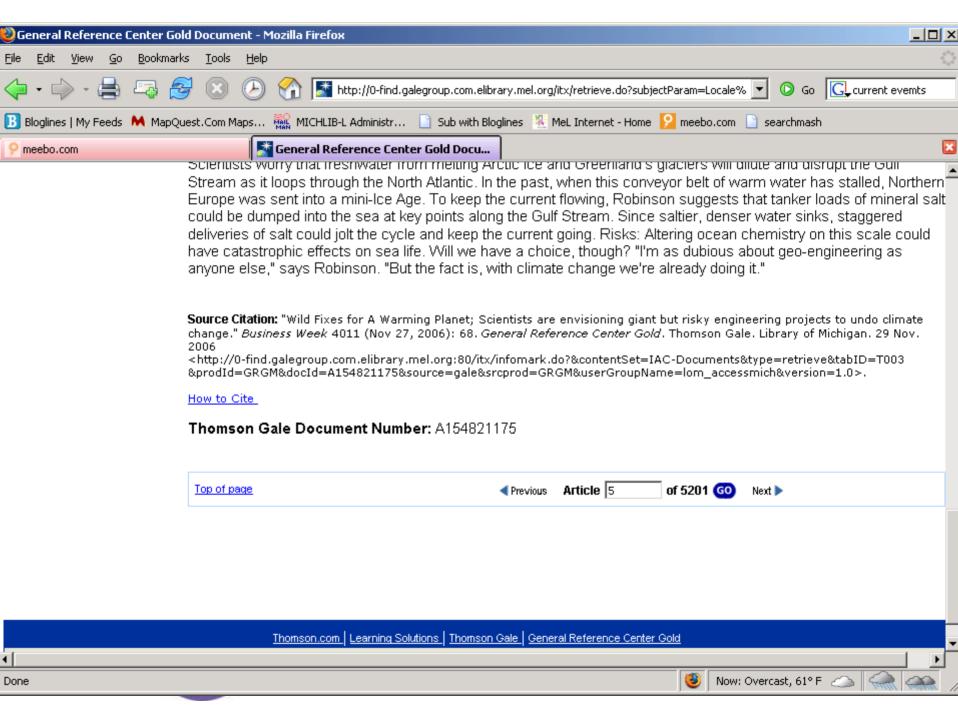


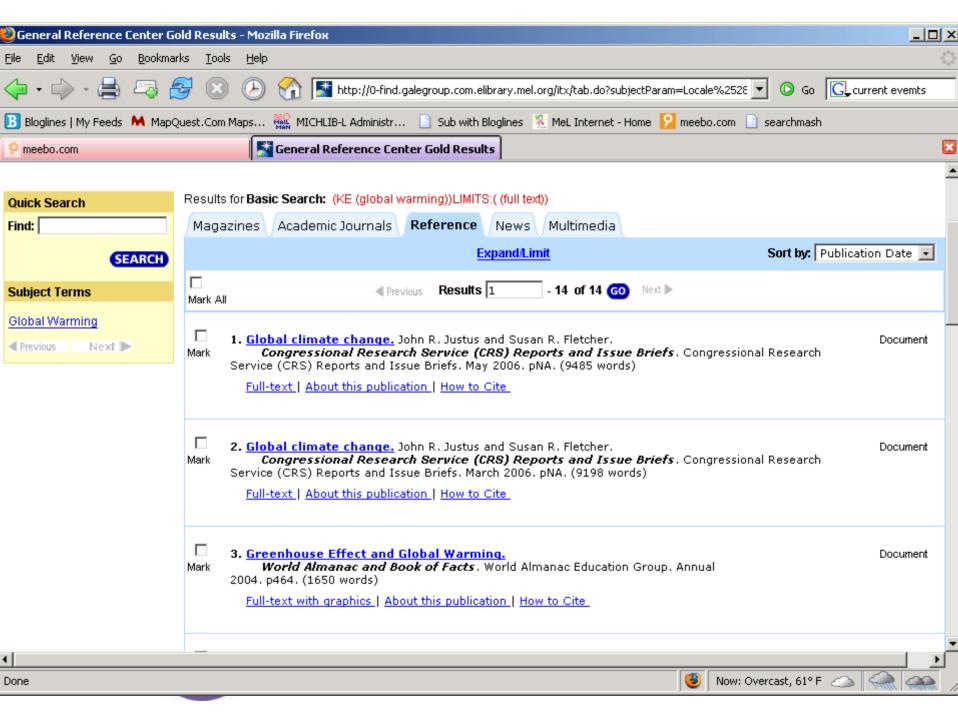


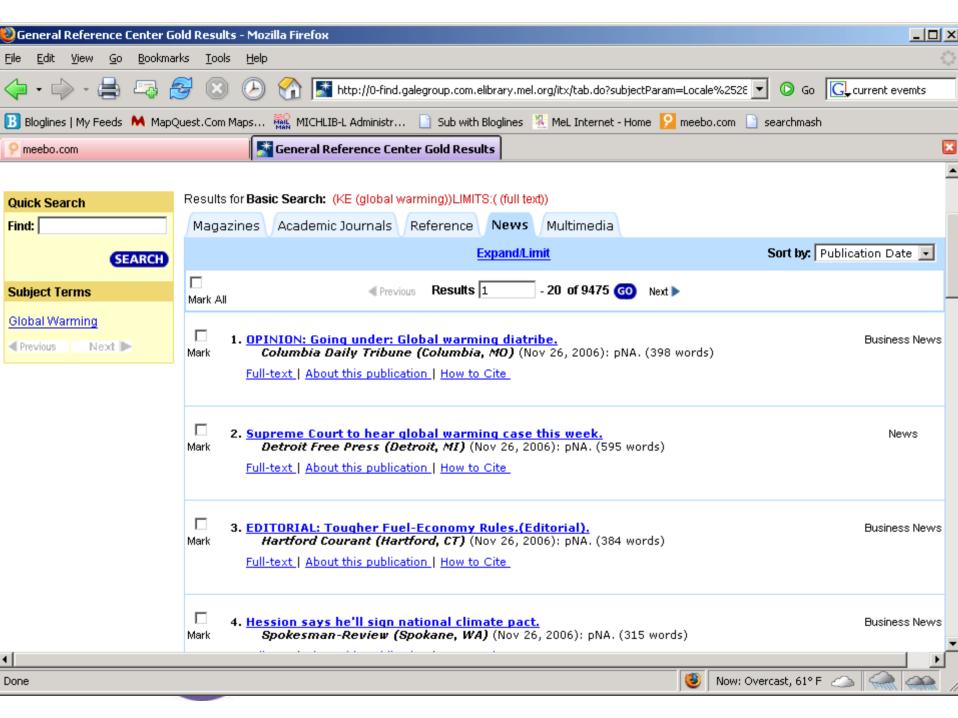


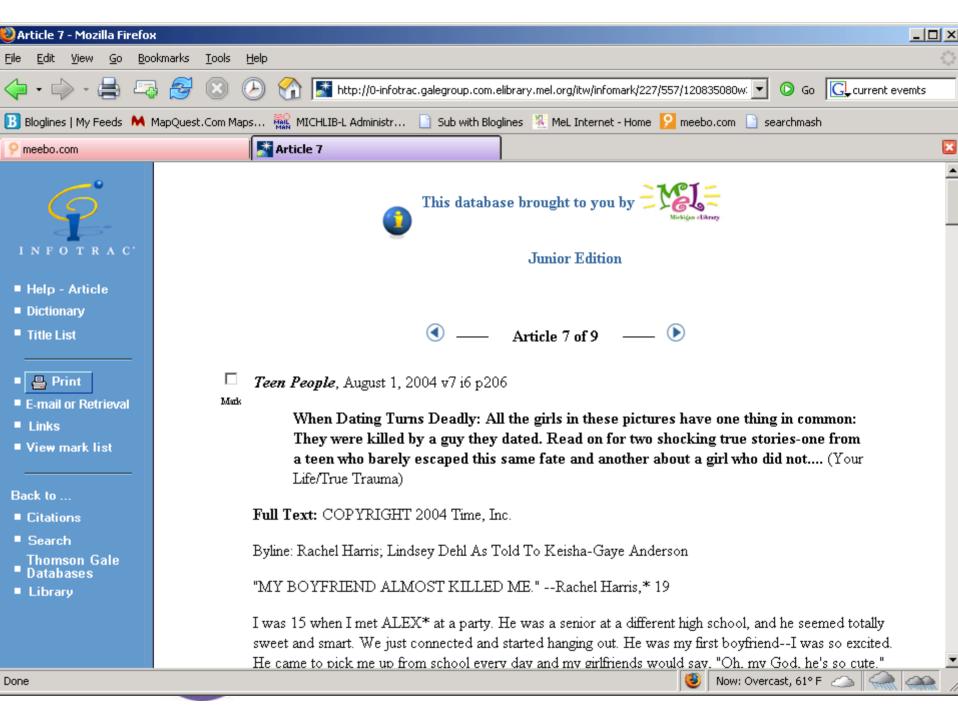


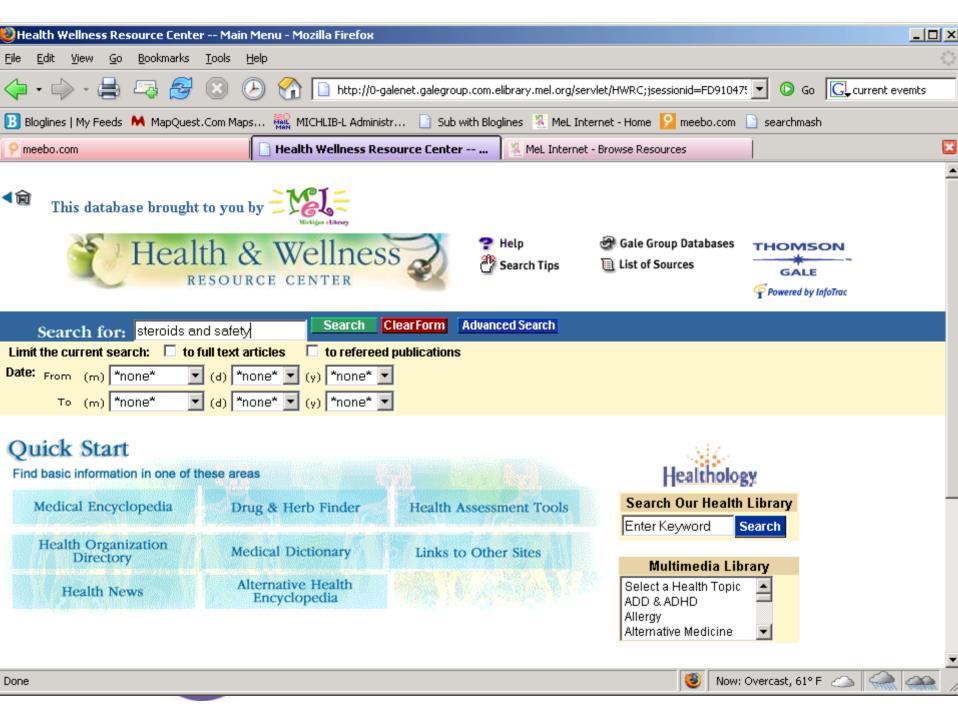
Scientists have long toyed with the idea of orbiting a huge mirror around the earth to block the sun's rays. Any such contraption would be too heavy to loft, so J. Roger P. Angel, a professor of optics at the University of Arizona, envisions shooting trillions of ultrathin, lightweight glass "fliers" into space instead. The discs would be aimed at a sweet spot where the gravitational pull of the sun is equal to that of the earth. They would refract just 2% of sunlight-too little to notice on the ground, but enough to offset a doubling of CO2 levels. Angel proposes using exotic

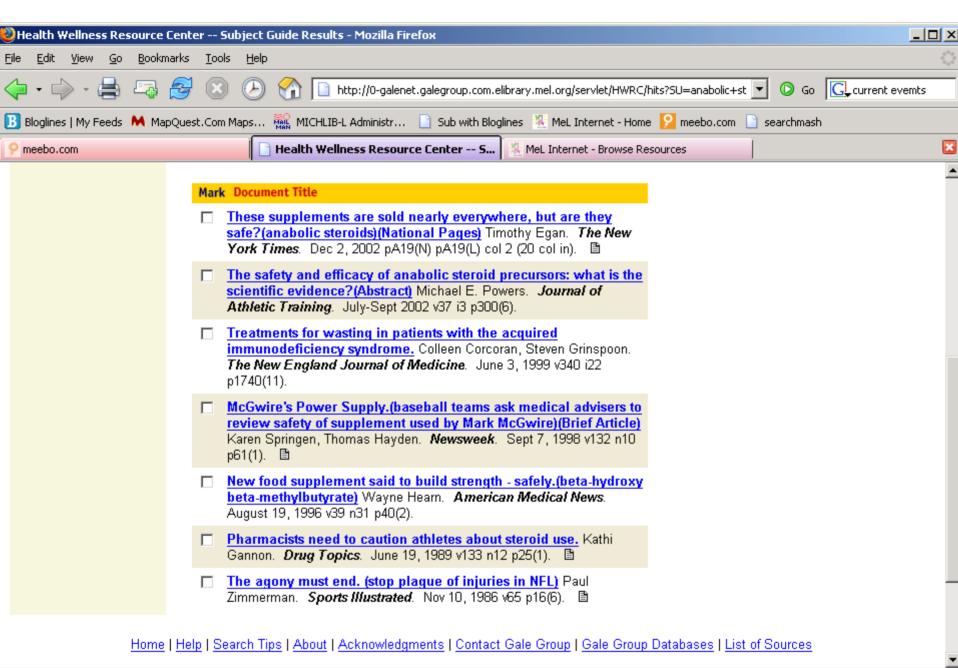


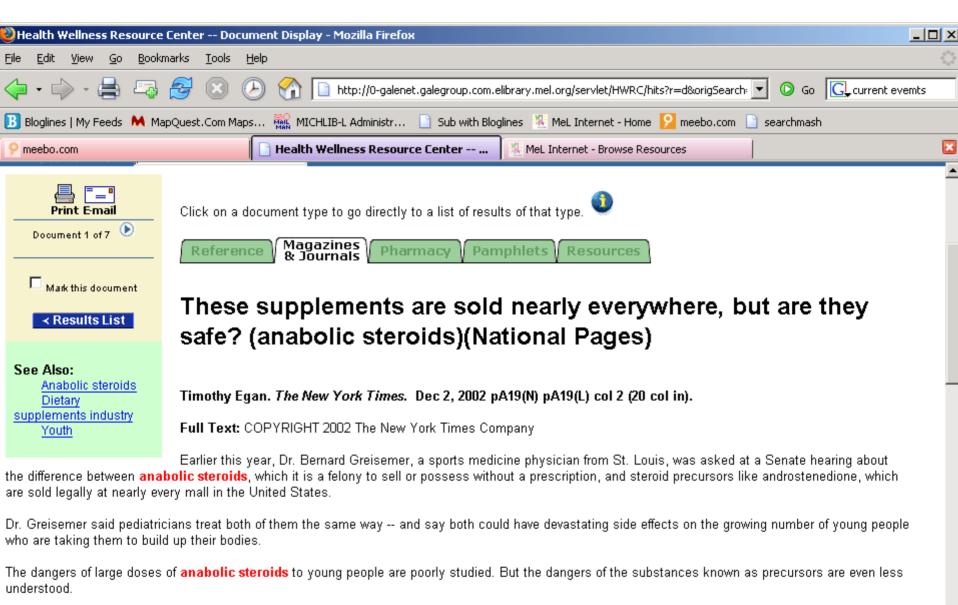






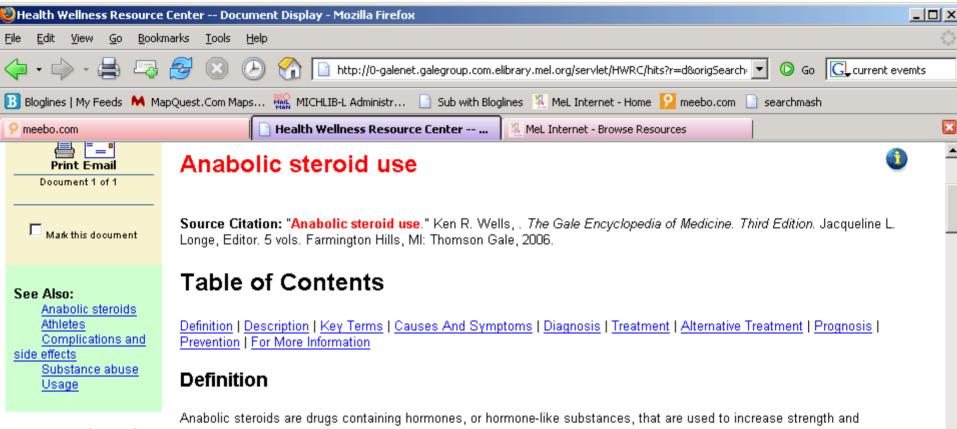






Makers of precursors say they metabolize as steroids and mimic male hormones. They are marketed under names like Ripped Fuel and Teen Advantage. But the manufacturers' claims have not been proved, medical experts say, and if the precursors do act like steroids, they may confer some of the same risks -- acre and shrinkage of the testicles, which is reversed when the drugs are stopped, and growth of breast tissue, which may not go away even when a

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promote muscle growth.

Description

Steroids are a synthetic version of the human hormone called testosterone. Testosterone stimulates and maintains the male sexual organs. It also stimulates development of bones and muscle, promotes skin and hair growth, and can influence emotions and energy levels. In males, testosterone is produced by the testicles and the adrenal gland. Women have only the amount of testosterone produced by the adrenal gland--much less than men have. This is why testosterone is often called a "male" hormone. There are more than 100 different types of anabolic steroids that have been developed, and each requires a prescription to be used legally in the United States. The average adult male naturally produces 2.5 to 11 milligrams of testosterone daily. The average steroid abuser often takes more than 100 mg a day, through "stacking" or combining several different brands of steroids.

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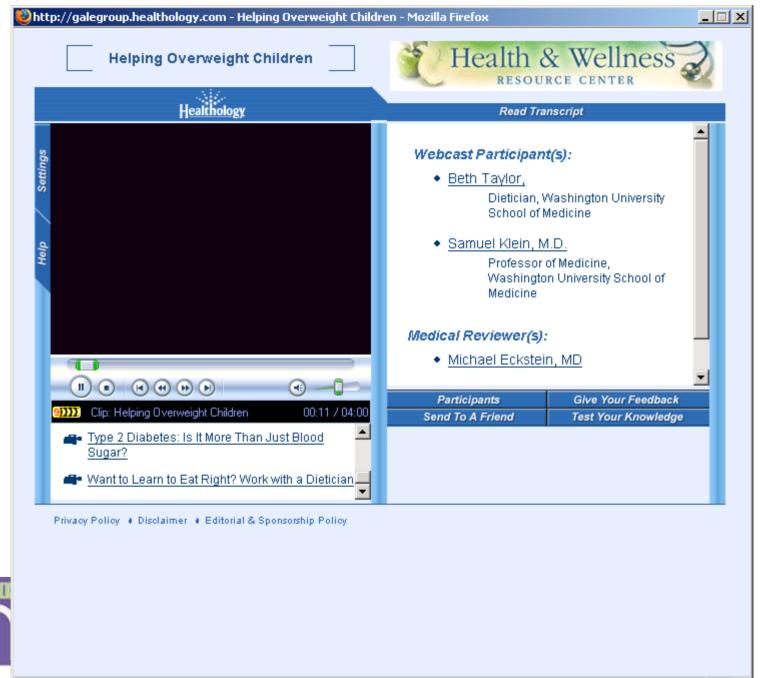
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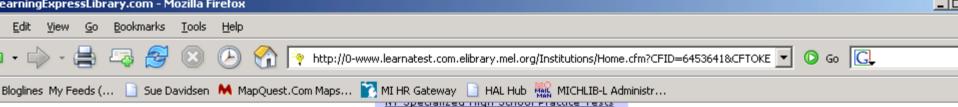
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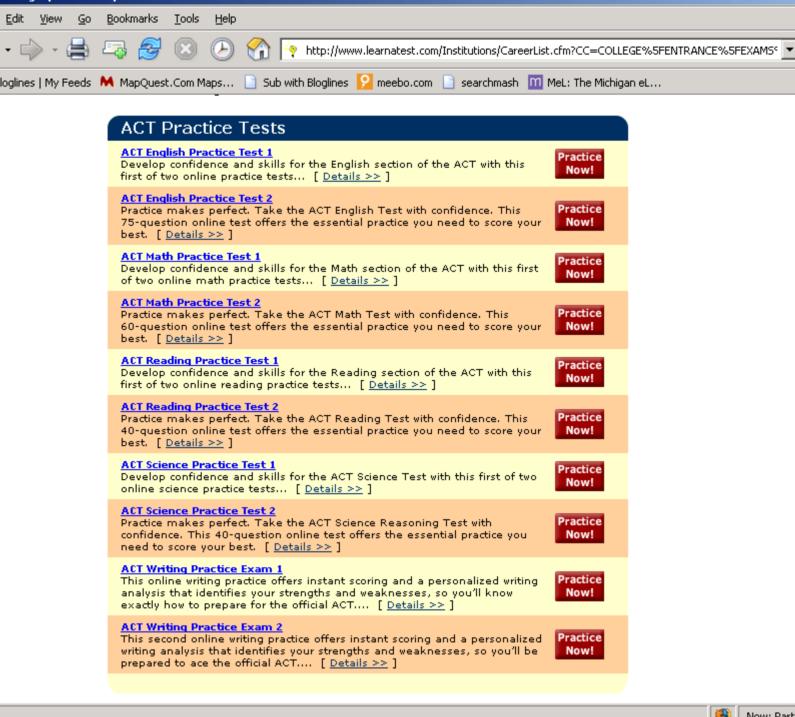
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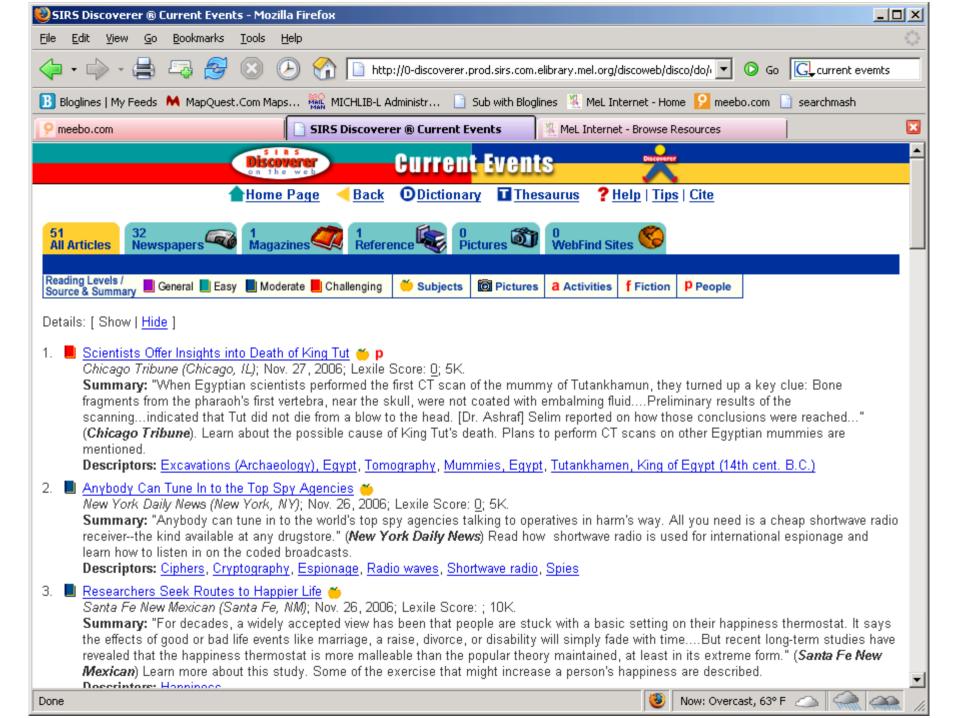
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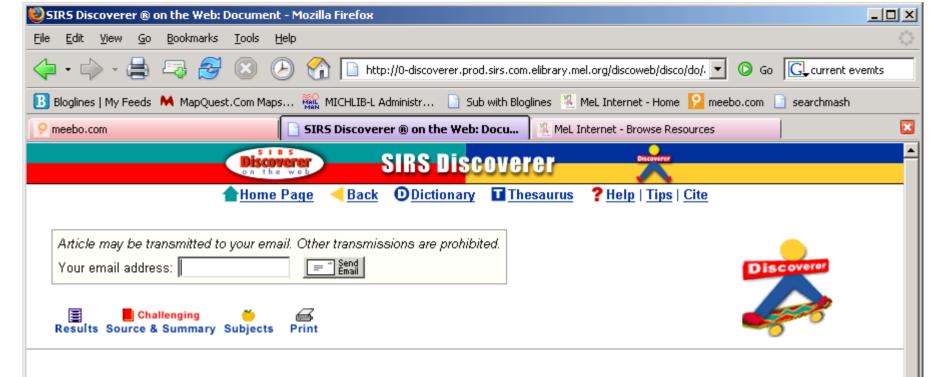












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Japan's False Alarm Showcases Tsunami Alert System

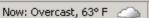
By Bennett Richardson Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

A powerful undersea earthquake prompted tsunami warnings Wednesday for Japan, Russia, and Alaska, but it was a false alarm. Only a series of tiny waves hit the northern Japanese coast.

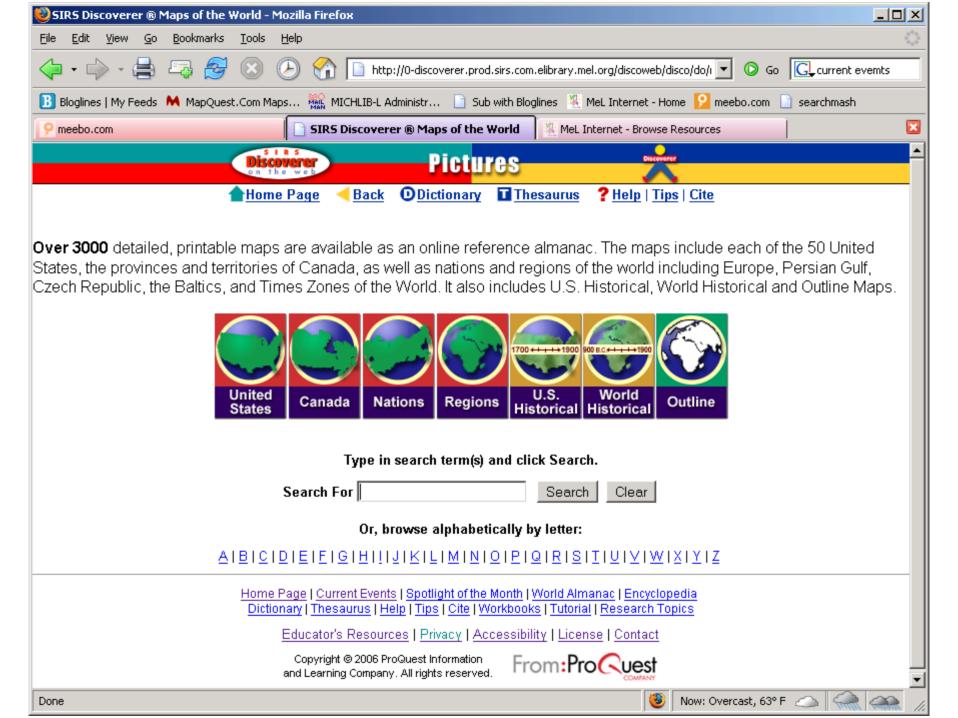
Still, the event served as a useful test of Japan's sophisticated early warning system and of its civil defense emergency procedures designed to speedily remove people from low-lying coastal areas.

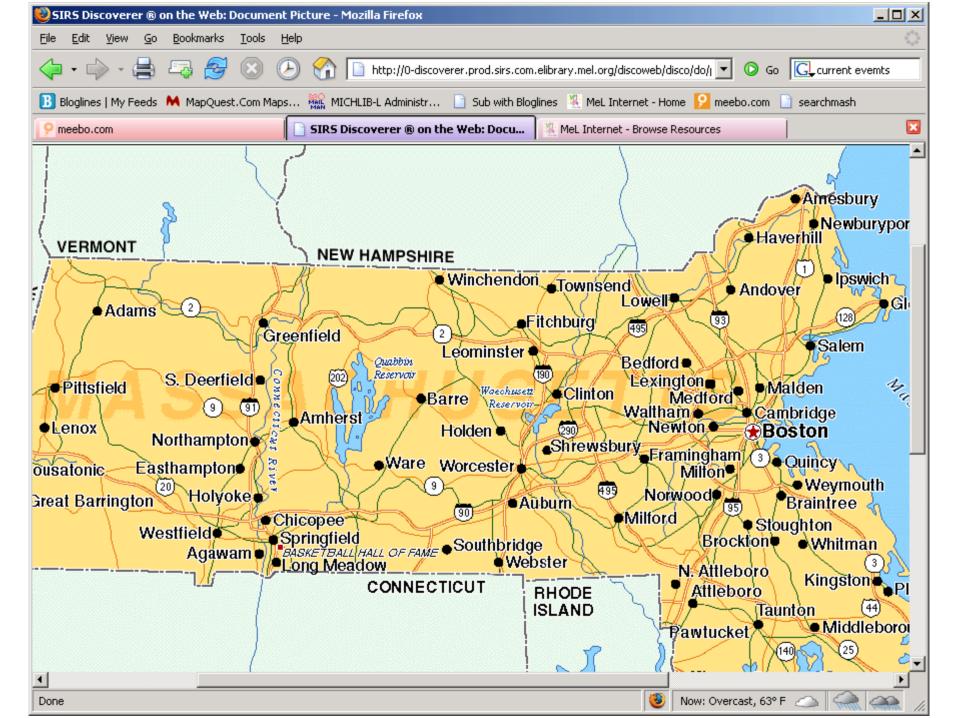
Japan issued a major tsunami alert for the northern coast of Hokkaido and some parts of northern Honshu Wednesday evening local time, sparking the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of people in some of the most remote and inaccessible parts of the nation.

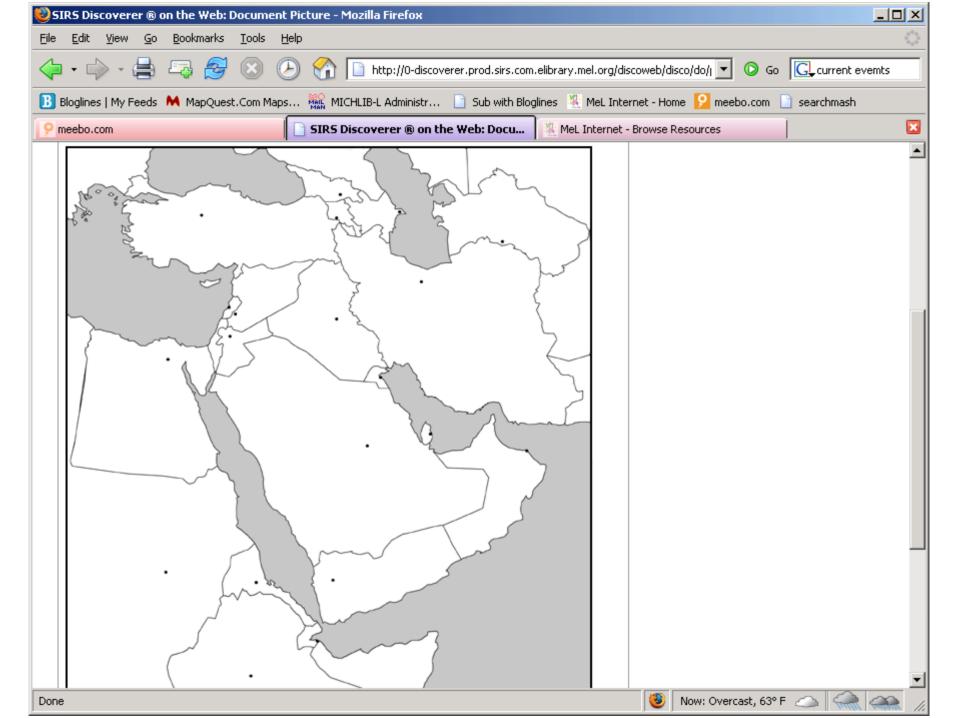
The emergency began after a magnitude-8.1 earthquake struck in the Kuril Islands some 110 miles northeast of Hokkaido. The area where

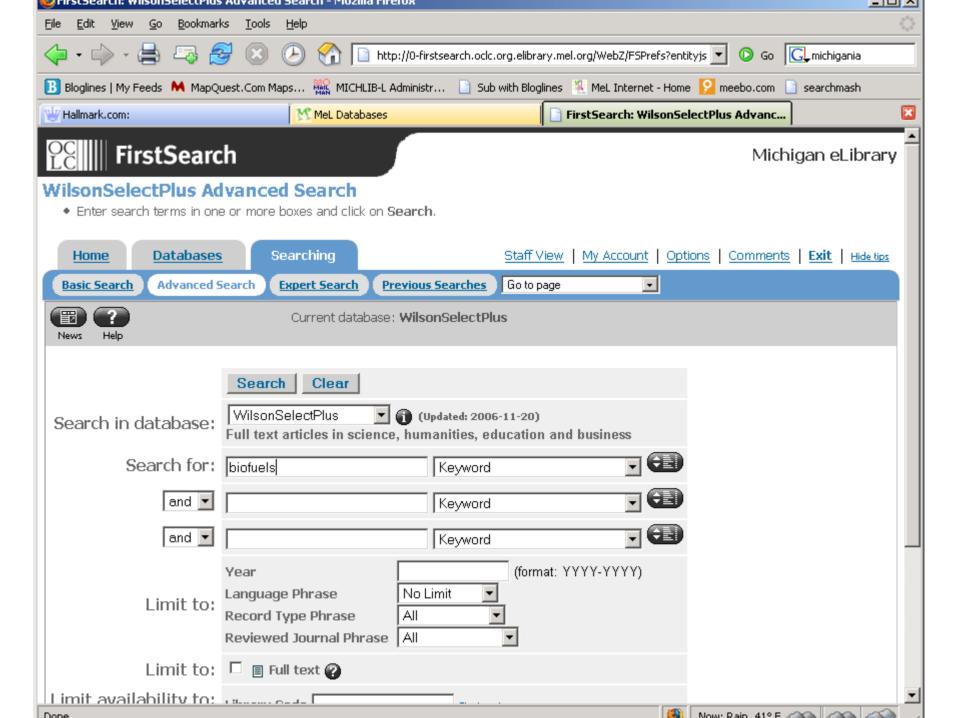


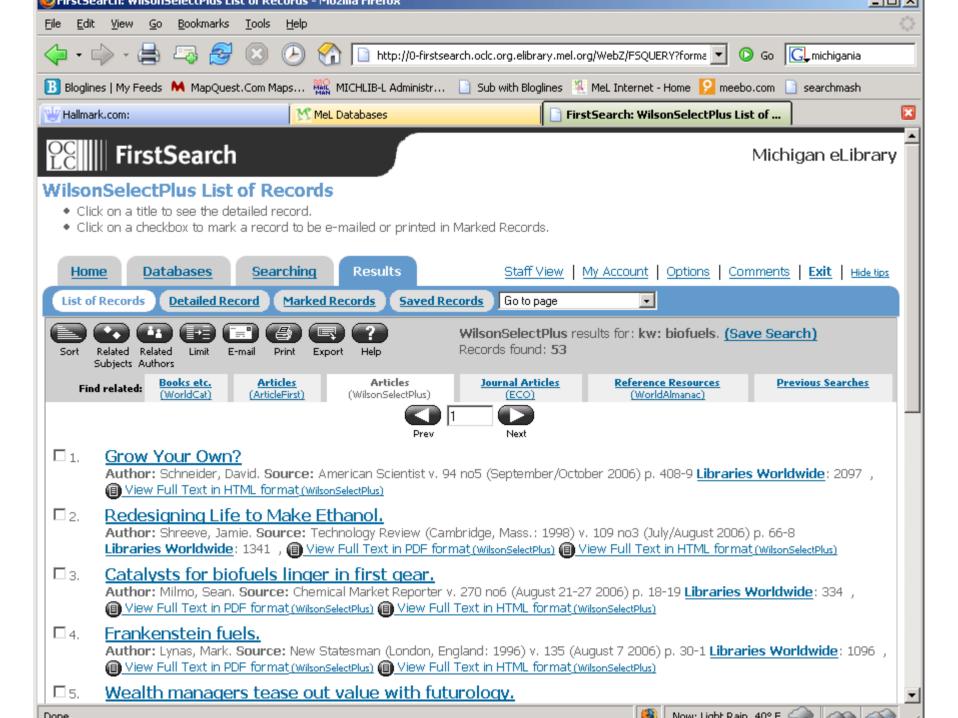


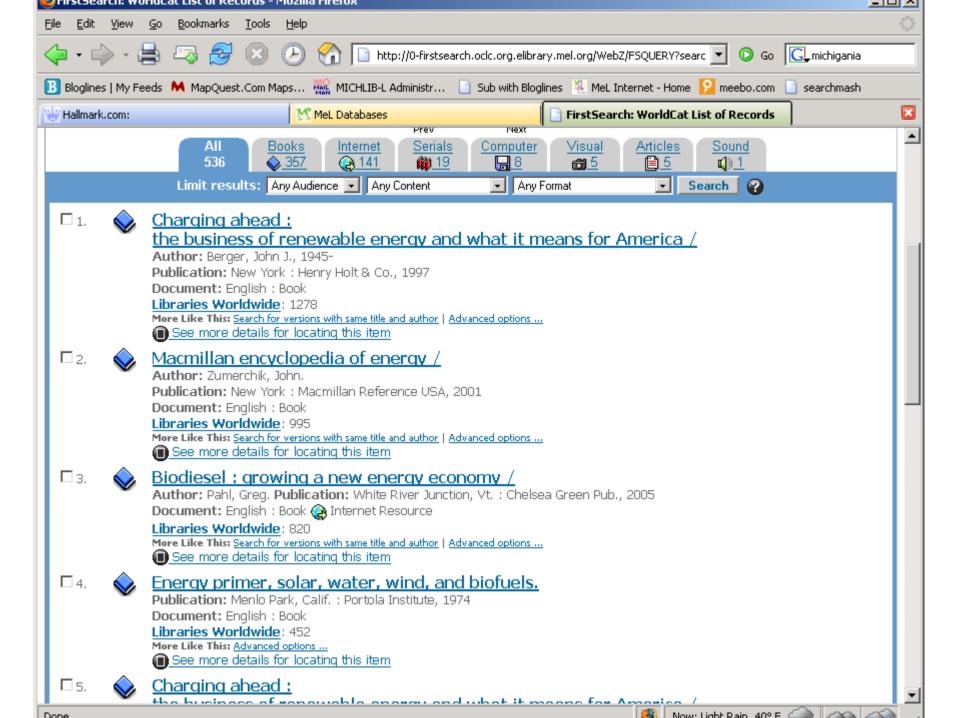


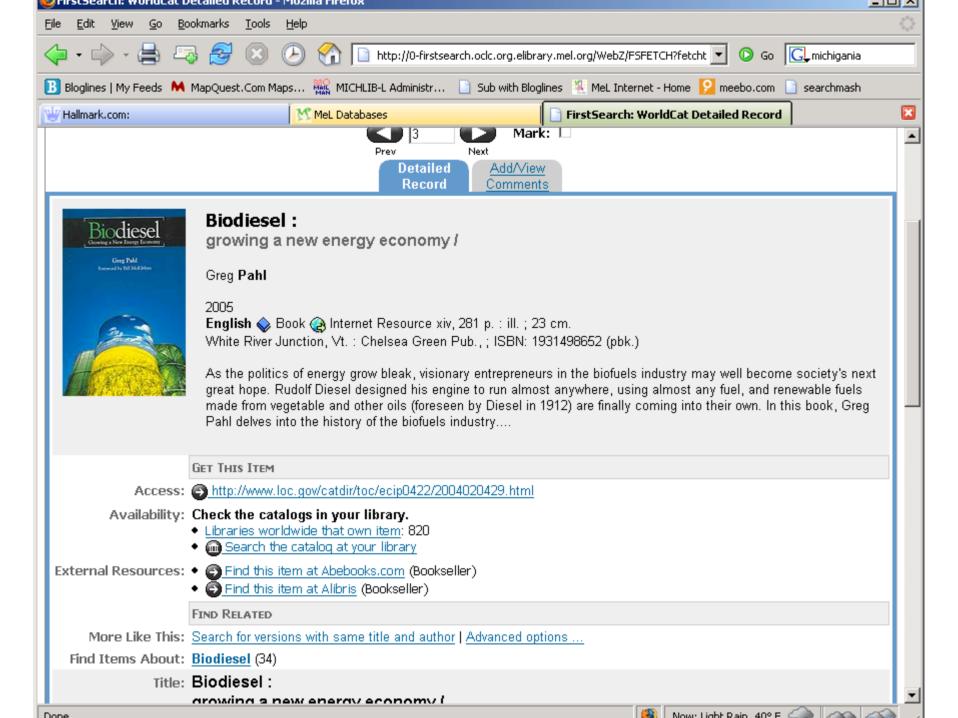


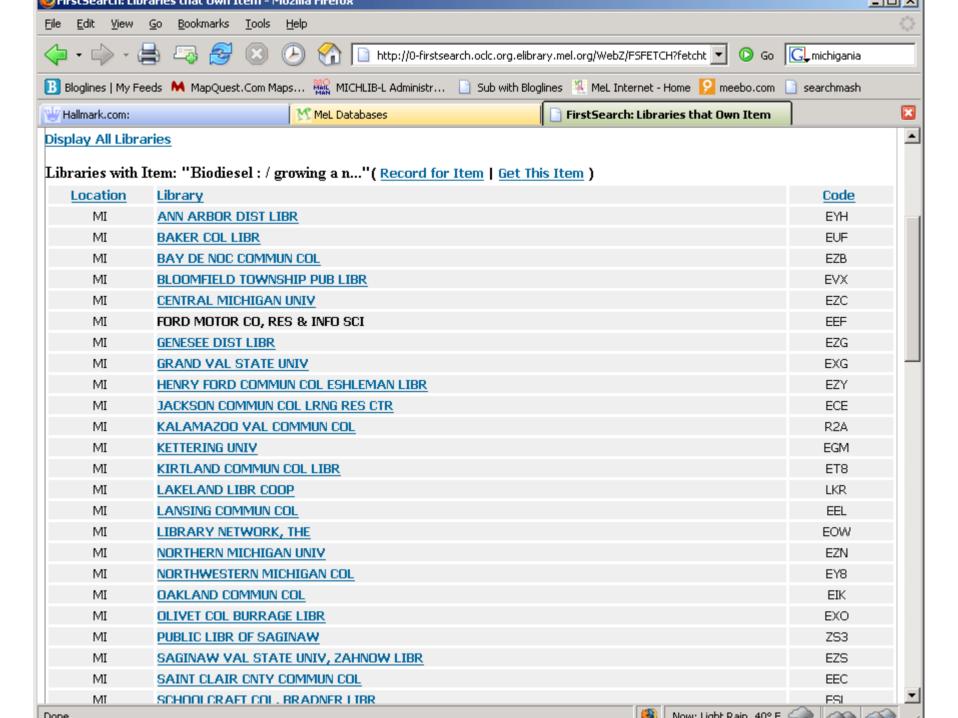


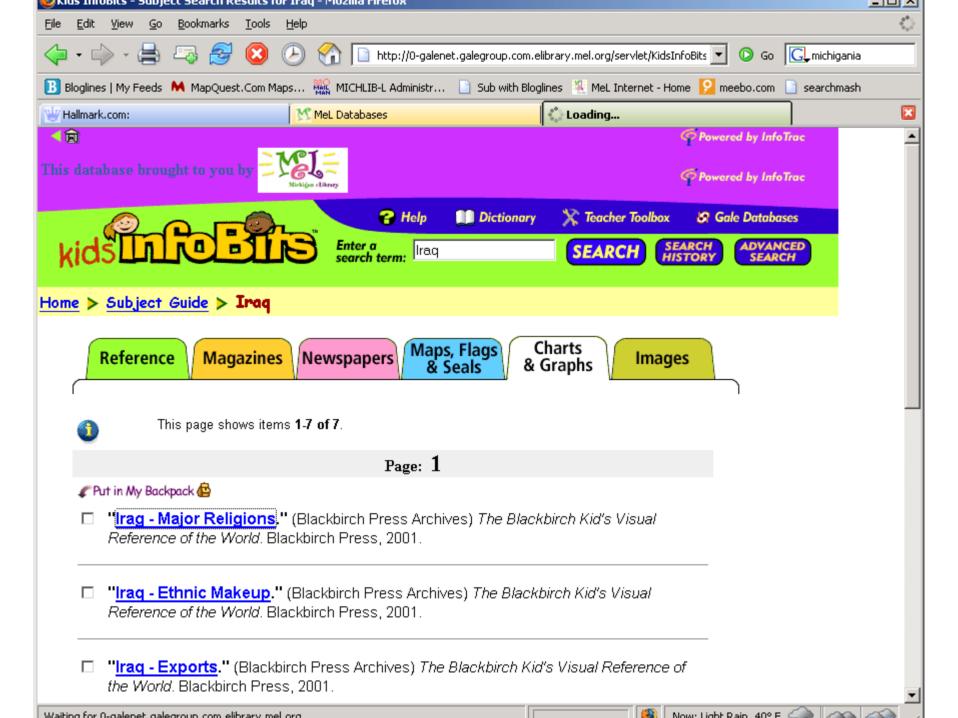


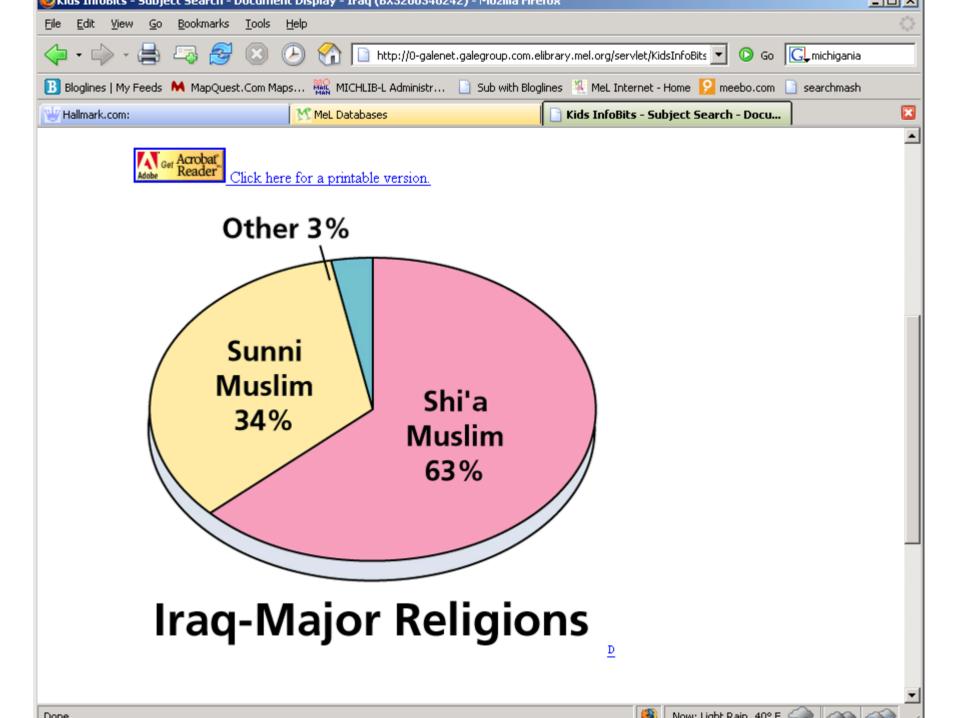


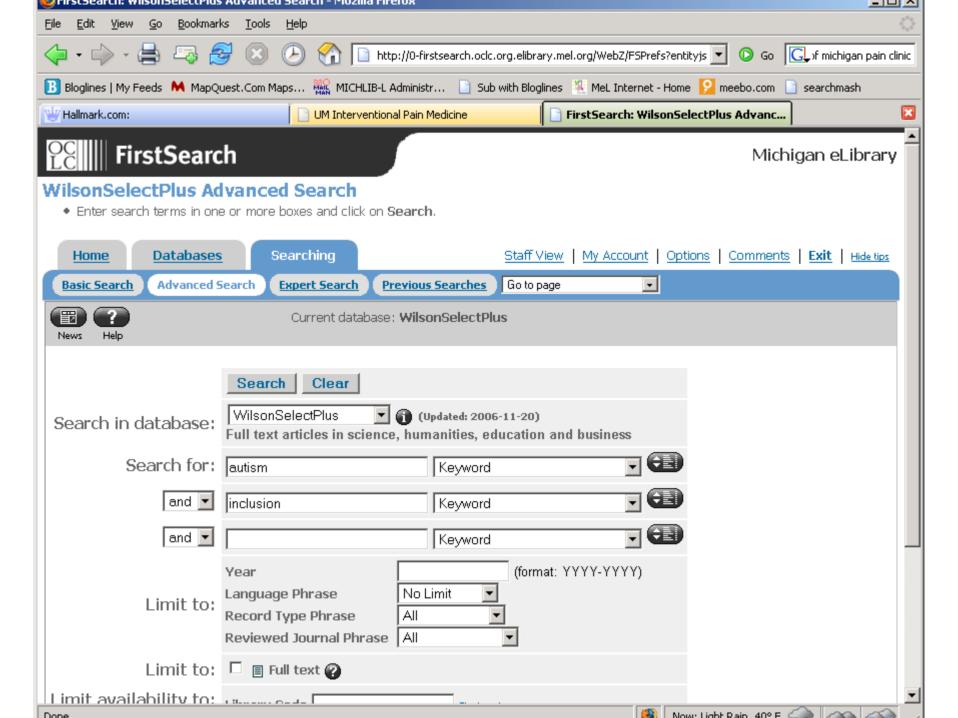


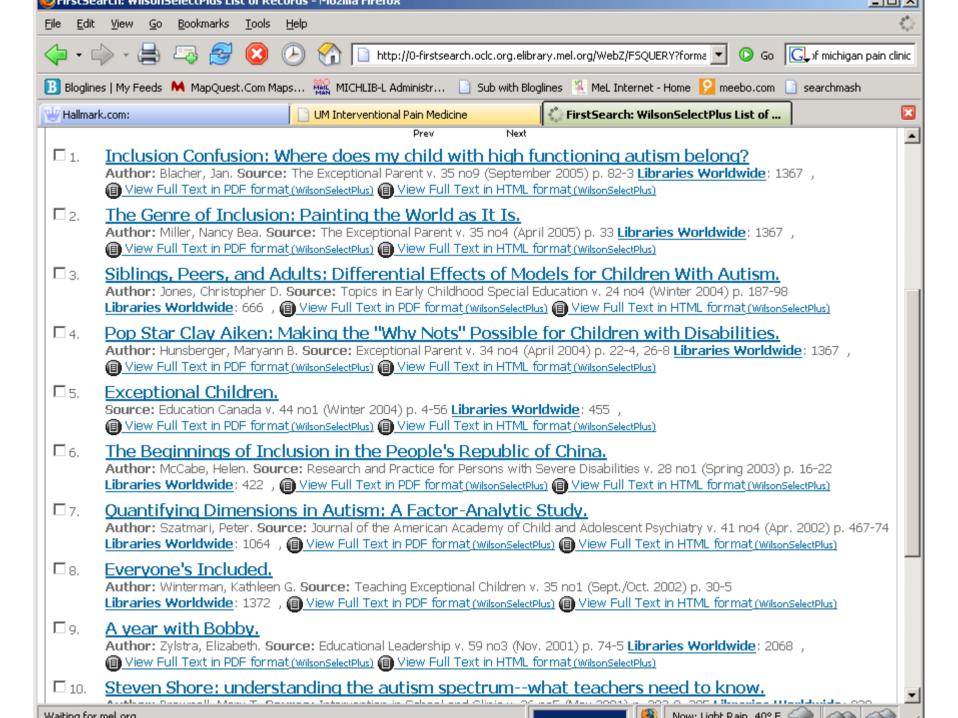


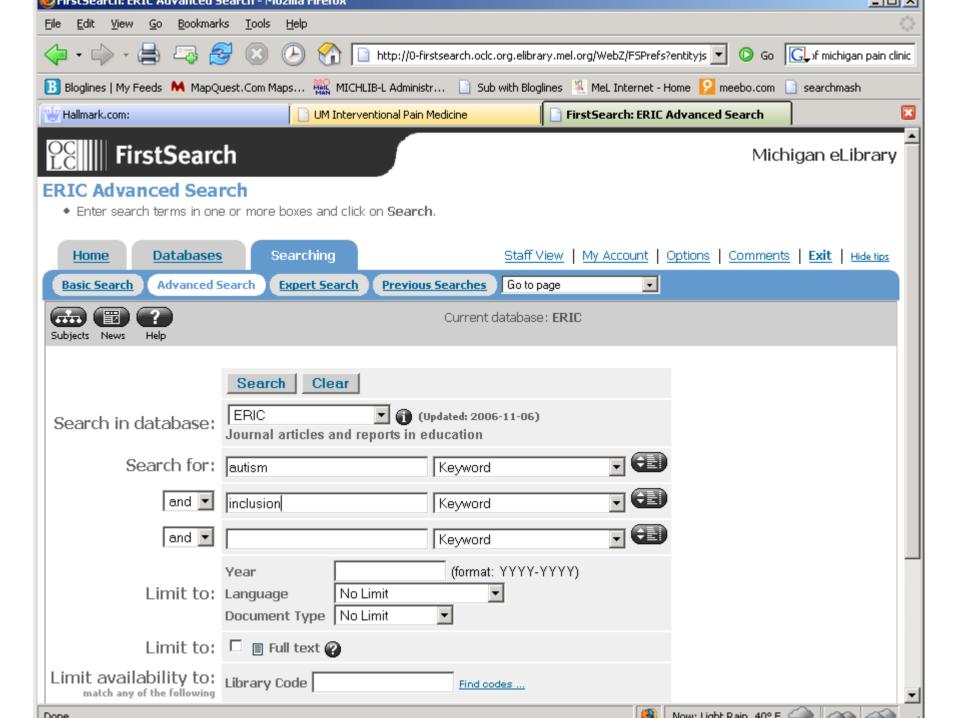


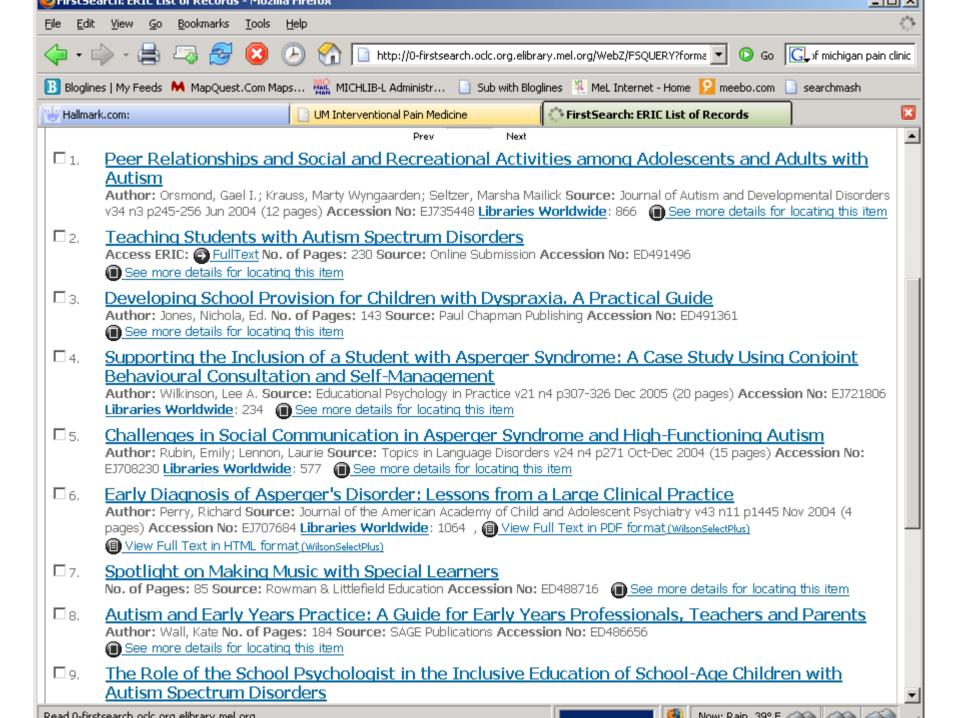


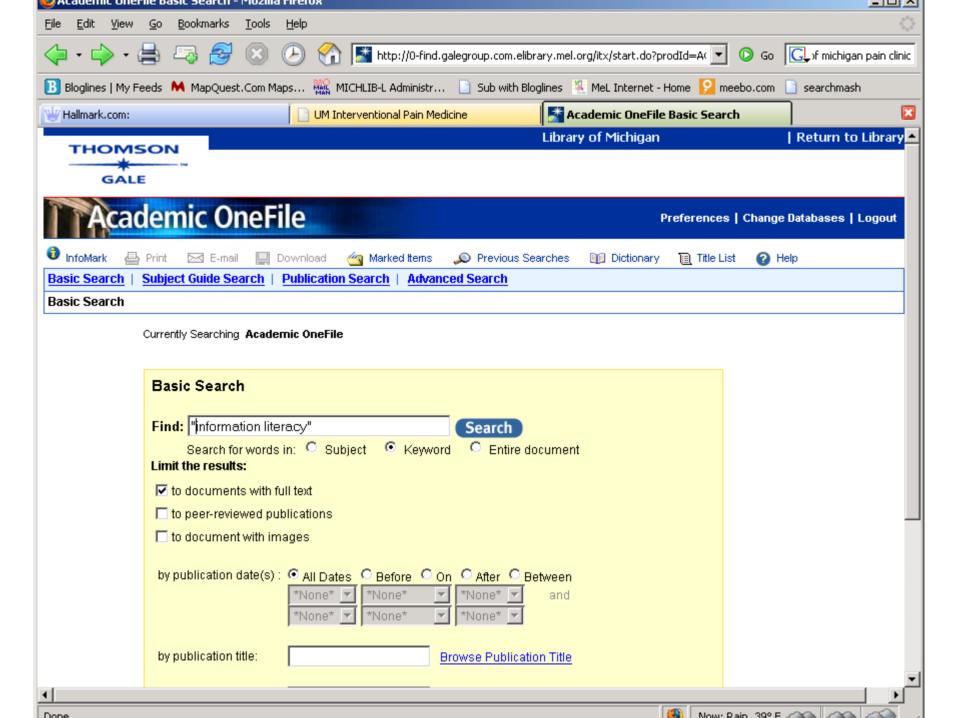


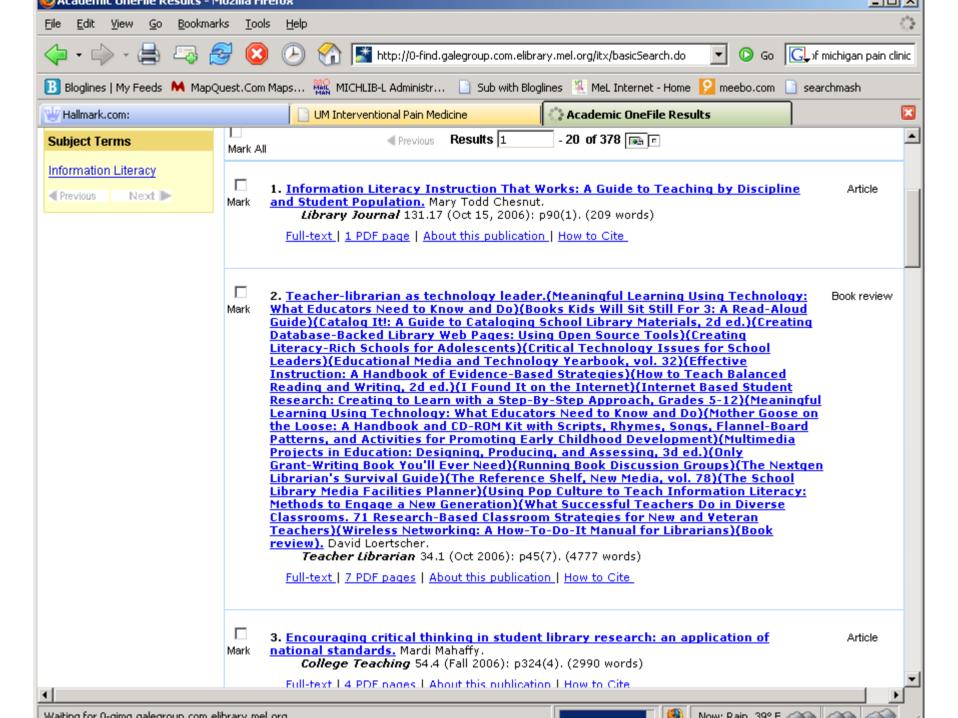


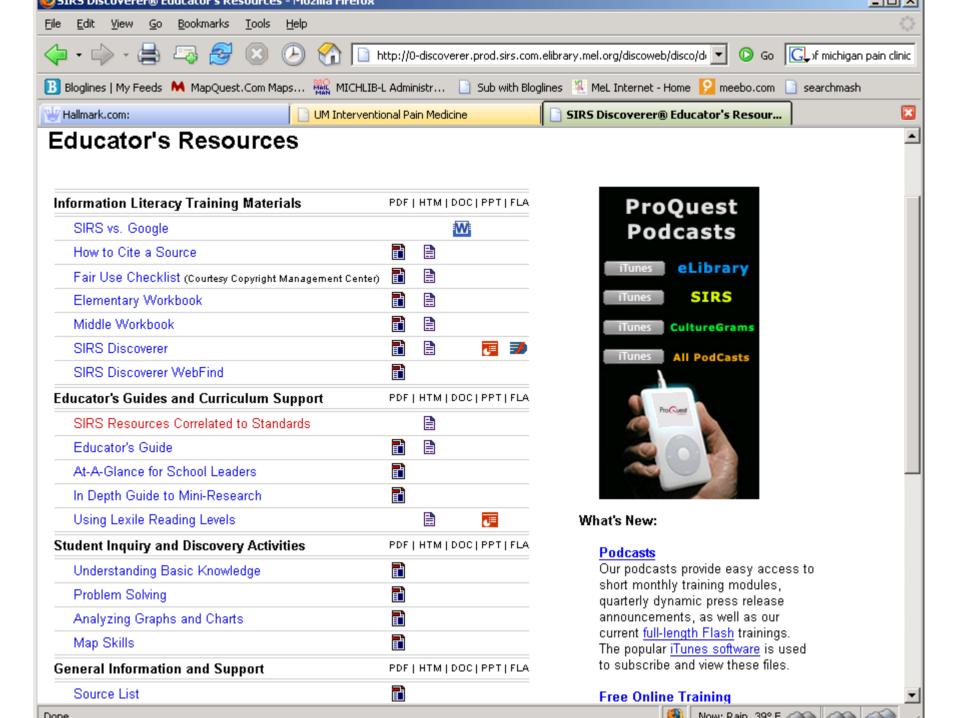


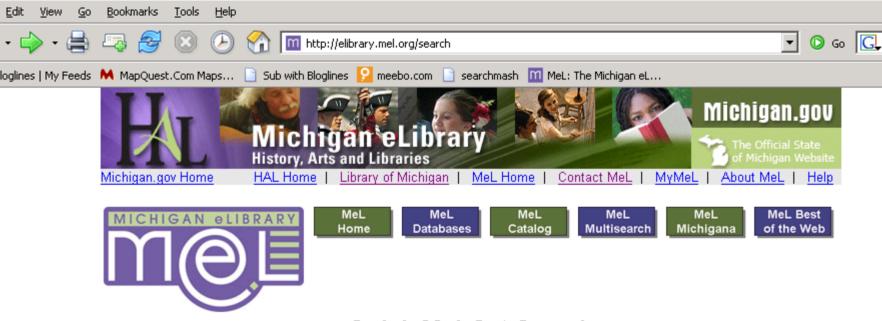












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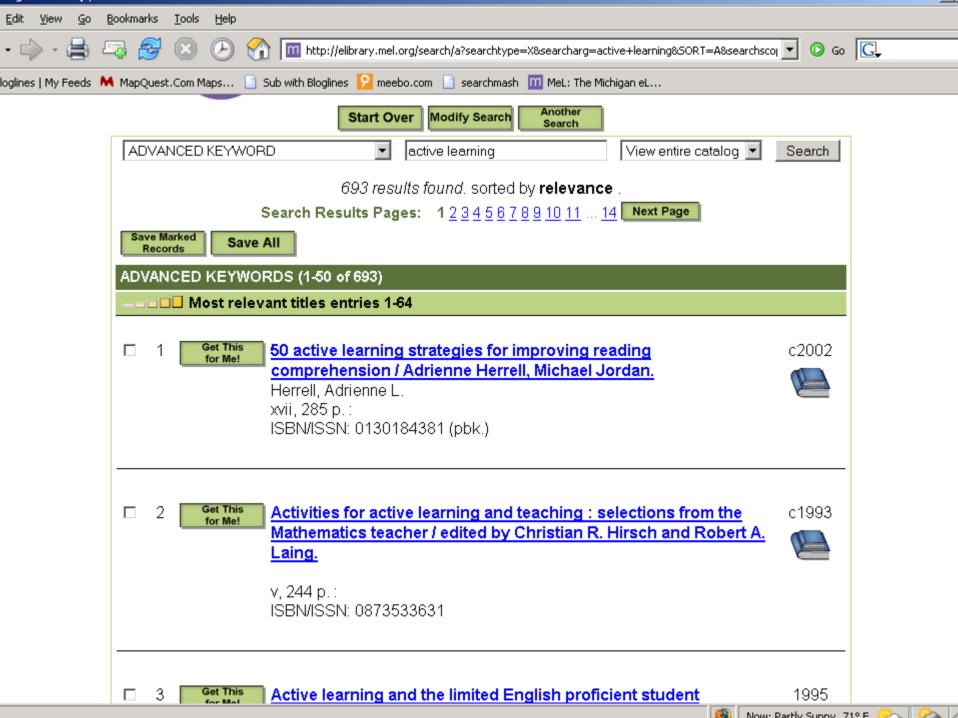
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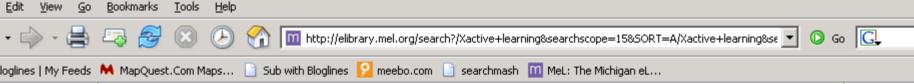
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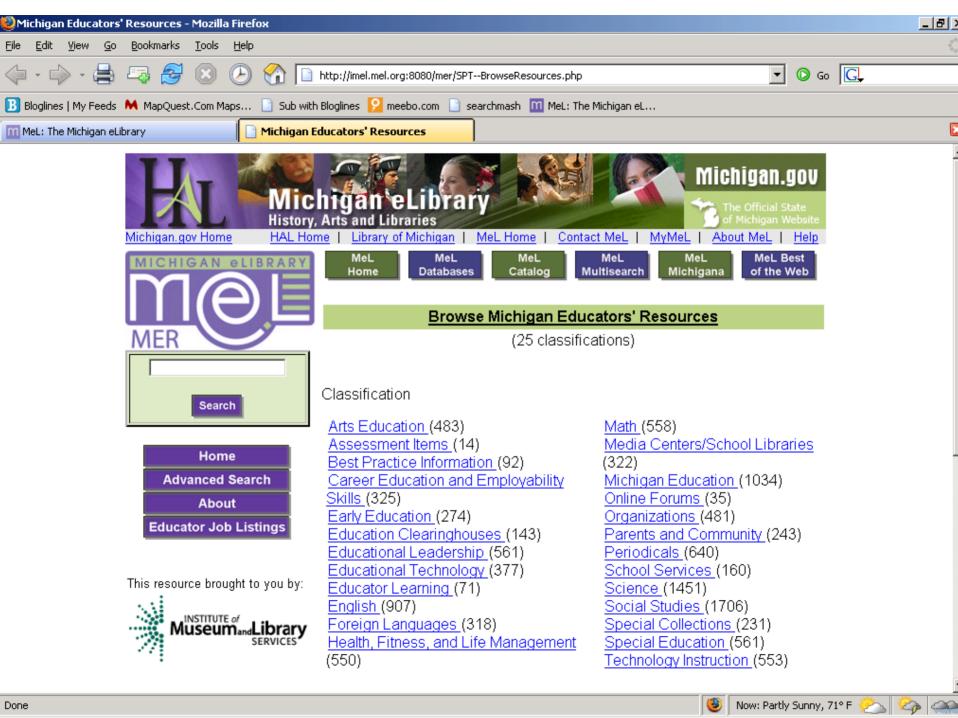
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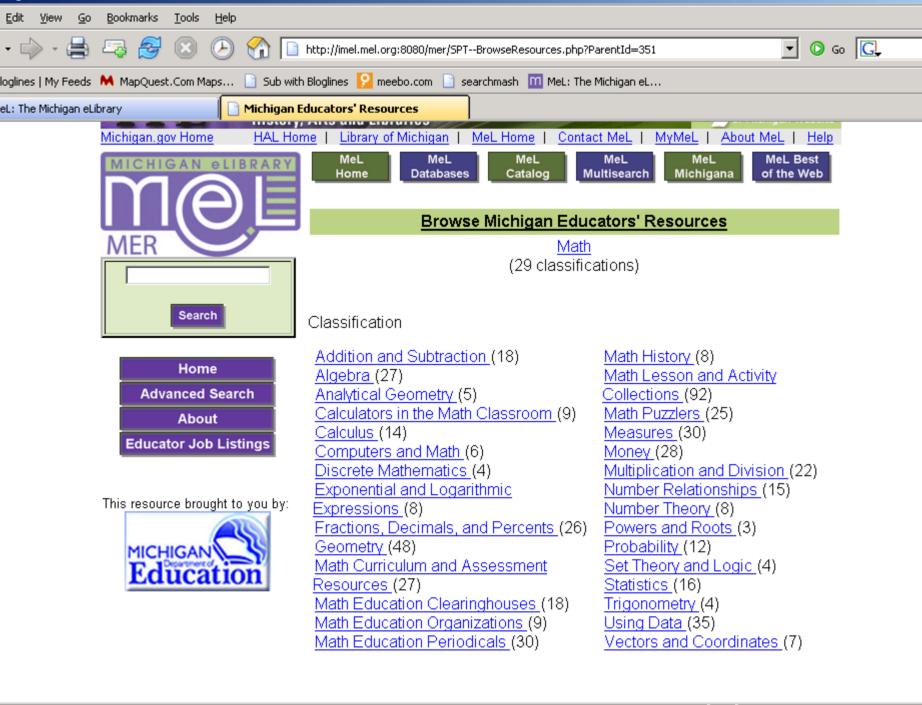
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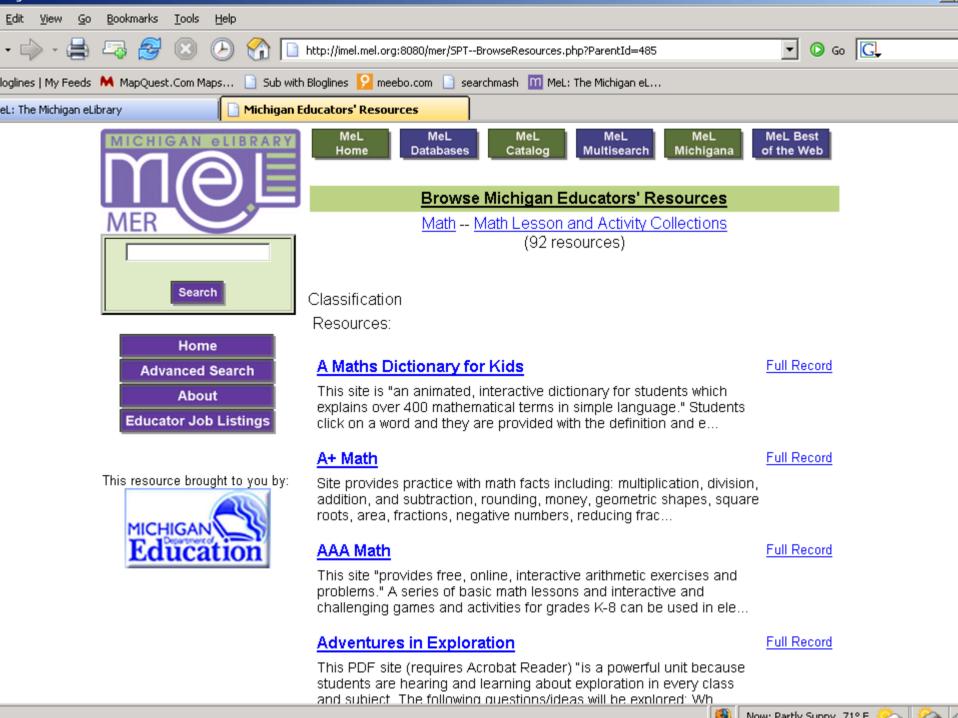
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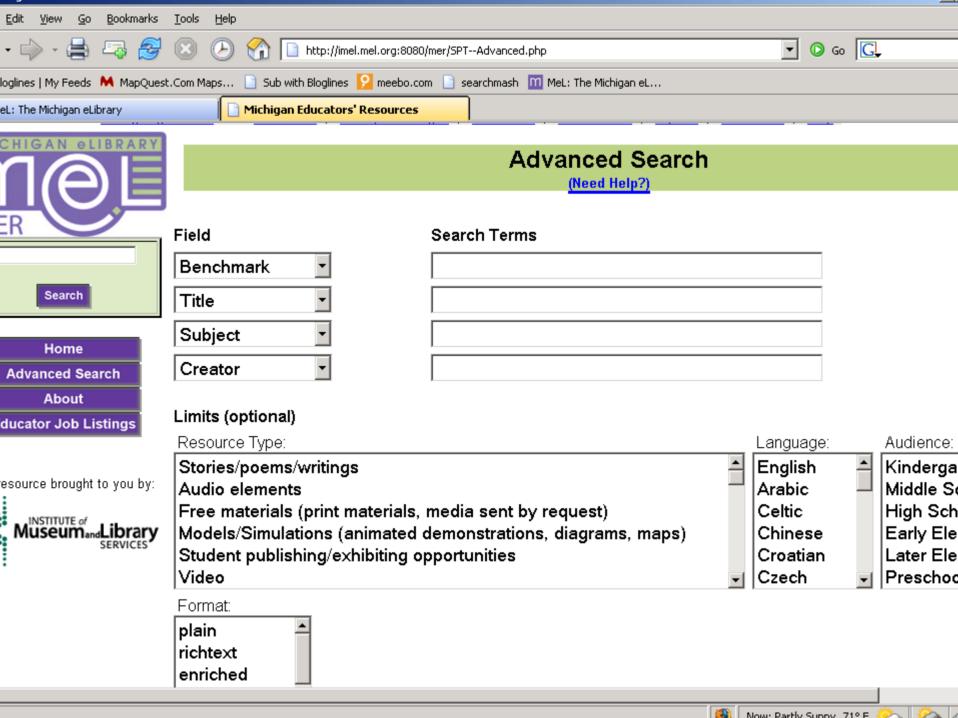
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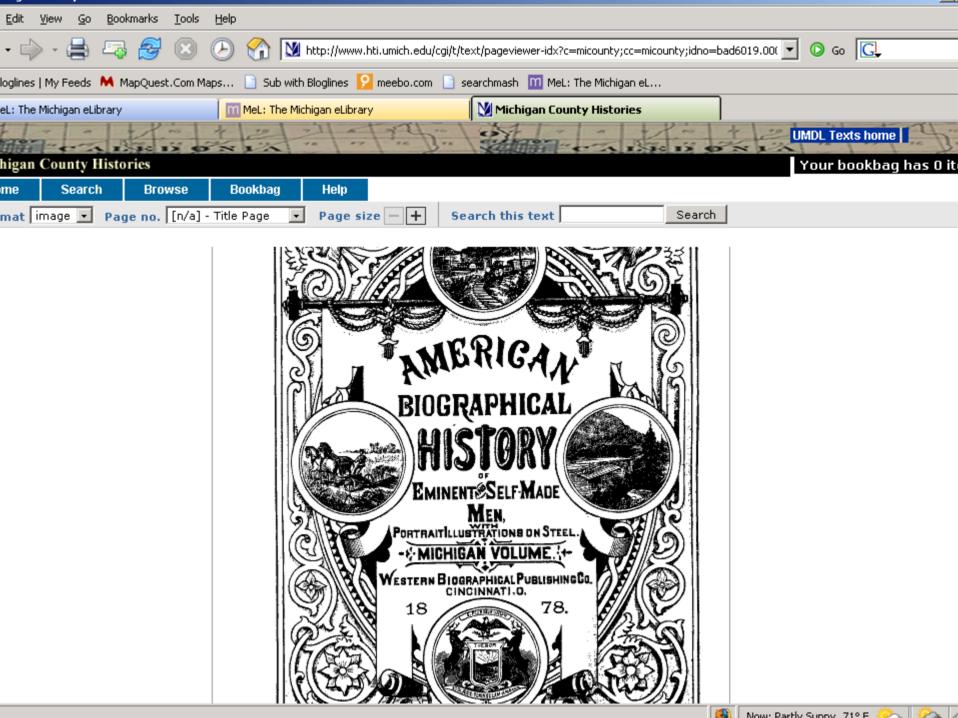
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